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THE COMMITTEES.

How Important Chairmanships Will be Distributed.

SENATOR WHITAKER IS HONORED

Made the Head of the Senate Finance Committee.

MEMBERS ON THE ANXIOUS SEAT

Arrivals and Departures—The Legislature Begins Active Work To-day. Mr. Elkins Receives Congratulatory Telegrams from All Sections of the Country—United States Judge Caldwell's Eloquent Tribute—A Few of the Many Are Quoted.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. VA., Jan. 13.—Members are in a state of expectation and suspense with regard to the committees. Those of the senate will be announced to-morrow morning. The house committees may come also to-morrow.

Senator Whitaker, of Ohio, will be chairman of the senate finance committee; Brady, of Ohio, will be on the house finance committee; Reynolds, of Mineral, will probably be chairman of this important committee.

Farr, of Doddridge, a bright lawyer, will be chairman of the senate judiciary and Fleming, of Jackson, of the like house committee, Furber, of Marion, will be at the head of the senate committee on education; Morris, of Ritchie, of the house committee, Hughes, of Wayne, will be chairman of senate railroad committee, and Evans, of Berkeley, of the house committee.

Messrs. Scott, Dobbins, Hall and Richards, of Ohio county, have gone home. Ex-commissioner of internal revenue, John W. Mason and family, have arrived. George C. Sturges and the Monongalia delegation have left for home.

FROM ALL QUARTERS

Of the Country Mr. Elkins Receives Congratulations on His Preference.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. VA., Jan. 13.—Hon. S. B. Elkins has been the recipient of hundreds of telegrams of congratulations from all parts of the United States since his nomination for United States senator by the Republican caucus, many of them from West Virginians. To publish half of them would occupy too much space. Following are a few, and are fair samples of all that have been received:

One which Mr. Elkins highly appreciates is as follows: St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 12. Hon. S. B. Elkins, Charleston, W. Va.:

The whole country, and particularly my native state, are to be congratulated on your assured election to the United States senate. It is one of the most important political events in the history of the state. It marks an epoch in her history, and will redound to her honor and best interests. I congratulate you.

HENRY S. CALDWELL. The above is from Judge Caldwell, of the Eighth judicial district, the largest in the United States. It covers more territory and embraces more property. Judge Caldwell is a native of West Virginia, and a brother of Mayor B. F. Caldwell, of Wheeling.

Among other telegrams were the following: WASHINGTON, Jan. 12. Accept my hearty congratulations on your nomination.

S. C. NEALE. Louisville, Jan. 12. Hearty congratulations. We are very glad that the man who made the bravest, wisest attack on the one-sided condition of the south receives the deserved acknowledgment of his party associates. AUGUSTUS E. WILLIAMS. WILLIAM M. EKin.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 12. Congratulate our state that it will have the honor to be represented in the senate by such a champion of protection as yourself. CHARLES W. FRANZHEIM.

WHEELING, Jan. 12. We heartily congratulate you and the state. WM. F. and B. WALKER PETERSON.

PARKERSBURG, Jan. 12. Congratulations quanti et supere. JOHN A. HUTCHINSON.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 12. Congratulate people and yourself. H. G. DAVIS.

St. PAUL, MINN., Jan. 12. Congratulations. West Virginia does herself proud in recognition of long and efficient services. D. M. SAMES. (Ex-United States Senator.)

CHEYENNE, WYO., Jan. 12. Hon. S. B. Elkins.

I congratulate you most sincerely upon carrying West Virginia Republican and your election as senator therefrom. FRANCIS E. WARREN. Senator, Wyoming.

GRAFTON, W. VA., Jan. 12. Hon. S. B. Elkins. We are happy to greet you Senator Elkins, and beg to offer most cordial congratulations. L. M. LAPOLETTE. F. M. THOMAS. C. B. KEPAUER.

WHEELING, Jan. 12. Hon. S. B. Elkins.

Mrs. Adams joins me in congratulations to yourself and Mrs. Elkins. GEORGE ADAMS.

JAMAICA, N. Y., Jan. 12. Hon. S. B. Elkins. We are joyous over your success and congratulate West Virginia. R. C. MCCORMICK. (Ex-Governor and member of Congress, First district, N. Y.)

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 12. Accept my hearty congratulations. WM. McKINLEY, (Governor.)

CINCINNATI, Jan. 12. Hon. S. B. Elkins.

The Commercial-Gazette joins me in

heartily and sincere congratulations. West Virginia is honored by your promotion more than she honors you. PERRY S. HEATH, President.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 12. Accept my heartiest congratulations. Newspaper row gladly welcomes you back to Washington. JOHN S. SHIVER.

PITTSBURGH, PA., Jan. 12. Mrs. Jones and your numerous other friends here join me in congratulating you upon the assurance of your election to the United States senate. B. F. JONES. Chairman National Committee.

WHEELING, Jan. 12. Accept my sincere and hearty congratulations. May you live long and prosper. WILLIAM L. HEARNE.

FOXBURIA, O., Jan. 12. You ought to be proud of your great triumph. CHARLES FOSTER. Ex-Secretary of the Treasury.

ELKINS, Jan. 12. The city of Elkins sends congratulations to its great name-bake. W. G. WILSON, Mayor.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12. Accept my best congratulations. F. K. PENDLETON. (Son of Senator Pendleton.)

MONTGOMERY, ALA., Jan. 12. Please accept my congratulations. B. W. WALKER.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 12. Accept my hearty congratulations. CHARLES EDGAR BROWN.

GALVESTON, TEXAS, Jan. 12. Accept my hearty congratulations both for yourself personally and the country. N. W. CUNY.

Also from Senator John H. Mitchell, of Oregon, Senator Chandler, of New Hampshire, and many others.

LEXOW COMMITTEE REPORT.

Will Be Presented to the New York Legislature This Week.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 13.—Some light will be shed upon the attitude of the committee of seventy, the Lexow committee and Republican majority towards each other in the legislature this week. Plainly speaking, it will, in a measure, be seen whether Mr. Platt and the New York reform committee intend to cross swords or to combine in their reform movement.

The great event of the week will be the presentation to the senate of the report of the Lexow committee, together with the accompanying bills for the reorganization of the police force of New York city on Thursday, and after the matter is presented Mr. Lexow will ask for the adoption of his resolution to extend the power of his committee to the other city departments.

The report of the Mullin committee, on the consideration of the various state commissions, is expected for presentation as is also the report of the Mullin committee that investigated the elections in Troy.

COLONEL COIT INDICTED

For His Action in the Washington Court House Riot.

WASHINGTON, C. H., O., Jan. 13.—For the past six days the common pleas grand jury has been in session, and since Wednesday evening the cases of Col. A. B. Coit and ex-Sheriff James F. Cook have been under consideration. A large number of witnesses were examined and the various phases of the matter were gone over, and there were many rumors about on the street.

Yesterday afternoon the jury made its report to the court, finding sixteen indictments. None of the indictments were made public, but it is understood on good authority that Colonel Coit was indicted for manslaughter. Sheriff Cook was not indicted. Colonel Coit will have to be brought to this city to give bond. It is not known just when the arrest will be made. The matter created no special stir here. It is generally being taken as a matter of course that Colonel Coit would be indicted. The officers of the court are quiet regarding the indictments.

DONATIONS ARRIVING

For the Destitute Residents of Nebraska. Generous Responses.

OMAHA, NEB., Jan. 13.—A special to the Bee from Lincoln, Neb., says: Rev. C. A. Hale, of Holdrege, was at the office of Secretary of State Piper this morning. He said he would leave Holdrege Monday for Denver, where one hundred tons of coal have been donated to the destitute of Nebraska.

Generous responses are received by each mail in the shape of cash or intelligence of the shipment of supplies from all parts of the country. Sympathetic friends in Seymour, Ind., sent information to-day that one hundred tons of coal had been shipped from that neighborhood.

Mrs. Conrad Gets a Divorce.

HELENA, MONT., Jan. 13.—A decree of divorce has been granted to Mrs. Mabel Barnaby Conrad, daughter of Mrs. Barnaby, whom Dr. Thatcher Graves was accused of murdering at Denver, from John Howard Conrad. Charges of a most outrageous nature were made against each of them by Mr. and Mrs. Conrad, when the husband began suit a year ago. In order to avoid further scandal this suit was dropped, and Mrs. Conrad began another, alleging abandonment. In granting her a decree Judge Hicks awarded her the custody of her three children.

Large Meteor Falls.

SAN DIEGO, CALA., Jan. 13.—A great meteor is reported to have fallen near Juarez, lower California, last Monday. A terrible roaring and hissing sound was heard and as the meteor struck the ground the shock was so great as to be felt at Ensenada, forty-five miles away. Particulars of the occurrence are difficult to obtain, but the information proceeds from strictly reliable sources.

Old Time Boniface Dead.

SARATOGA, N. Y., Jan. 13.—Carey B. Moon, for a generation the manager of M. Moon's Lake House, at Saratoga Lake, died of heart failure this afternoon. He was eighty-two years of age. He is survived by a widow and son.

BARREN OF RESULTS.

The Meeting of Homestead Workers Meet and Then Adjourn.

HOMESTEAD, PA., Jan. 13.—The meeting of the steel workers held here in the rink this morning was attended by a crowd of about 350 workmen and business men. The meeting was called to order by Roscoe Connor, a man employed in one of the finishing mills. Connor is a non-union man who came to the plant during the big strike. He was on the famous Pinkerton barges. Patrick Fagan, who keeps a small store on Eighth avenue, a member of the old advisory board and a man who is on the blacklist of the company, was made chairman of the meeting. At this juncture the newspaper representatives were asked to withdraw, which they did very quietly and promptly.

A man named Thomas Graham then arose and in a boisterous manner demanded that Hugh O'Donnell withdraw, as he also was a newspaper man. The whole assemblage here arose and excitement was the order of the meeting. All were anxious to have him remain and the obstreperous Mr. Graham was promptly ejected. Mr. O'Donnell took the stand and made a twenty minute speech, in which he deplored the action in expelling the correspondents.

President M. M. Garland, of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel workers, explained the benefit of organization and told the men that he was willing to organize them then, in a week or a year. He said he was not there as an agitator; that the matter was one to be decided by themselves. They had signed the scale and did not want them to break it. It would be well, however, to organize. A motion was made to organize immediately, and a great commotion occurred. It was finally decided to postpone any such action.

The meeting then adjourned to meet again next Sunday. The sentiment was very evidently in favor of an organization.

WILL WORK FOR BREAD.

Dubois Miners Want Enough Money to Enable Them to Buy Provisions.

DUBOIS, PA., Jan. 13.—The prospects for a speedy settlement of the coal miners strike are apparently very good. The men are willing to work on short time if their comrades, who were recently discharged, are taken back. They say they will make this concession in order to keep the families of the idle miners from starving.

Mr. Elliott, the general manager for Bell, Lewis and Yates, the owners of the mines in which the strike is now in progress, has gone to Buffalo to lay the proposition from the men before the members of the firm. He is expected back to-morrow and upon the reply he will bring, depends the immediate outcome of the strike. Strikers say they are willing to make any reasonable compromise that will give all of them at least enough to provide bread for their families.

THE COLD SNAP

Doing Damage to Transportation Companies in Ohio.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 13.—Dispatches from many Ohio towns say that the cold wave began passing away to-day and was followed by a heavy fall of snow, the average depth on the level being from a foot to fifteen inches. Everywhere travel on the street railways was impeded. In this city the storm reached its height about 3 o'clock this afternoon and it snowed furiously for four hours. The electric and cable cars were run with great difficulty and for a time early in the evening more than a hundred cars were stalled in the center of the city. Trains on all the railroads were from one to two hours late all day. The storm seems now to be abating.

Did Not Arrive.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Jan. 13.—The blizzard predicted for this city did not arrive, but a brisk cold wave came in its stead. It reached the city during the night. The descent gradually continued throughout to-day, reaching the minimum, 10 degrees above zero, at 8 o'clock to-night. During the afternoon there was a very slight fall of snow, lasting a few minutes.

To-night there is no indications of storm, although a sharp wind is blowing.

Heavy Snow at Clearfield.

CLEARFIELD, PA., Jan. 13.—There was quite a decided change in this morning's weather from that of yesterday. Last night at 7 o'clock it was forty degrees above zero and in less than half an hour a hurricane was blowing and snow was falling. This kept up all night and since 7 o'clock this morning the temperature has been two degrees below zero and a foot or more snow has fallen.

Bodily Frozen.

LANCASTER, PA., Jan. 13.—Thomas Moss, a middle-aged man, was found lying on a country road near the outskirts of this city this morning, almost frozen to death. Both of his legs were frozen black, and will have to be amputated. He wandered away from home yesterday afternoon, and had laid out all night. Moss recently made an attempt to kill himself.

A Foot of Snow.

GENESEE, N. Y., January 13.—The most terrific blizzard that has visited the Genesee Valley for years is now on. Twelve inches of snow has fallen on the level and it is blowing a gale with no signs of an ending. Traffic through the country will be impeded for several days to come.

Coldest of the Season.

LEBANON, PA., Jan. 13.—The coldest weather of the season was experienced in this city to-day. After a night of snow storm, the temperature at dawn had fallen to four degrees below zero. During the day it rose slightly and at 3 p. m. was eight degrees above, but to-night is down to zero again.

To Test Anti-Toxine.

ANSONIA, CONN., Jan. 13.—The first local trial of anti-toxine was made here yesterday by Health Officers Wright, of New Haven, and Baker, of this city. The patient, a seven-year-old son of Michael Fitzgerald, was in the advanced stages of diphtheria, his pulse being 145 and all hope for his recovery had been abandoned. Half an ounce of the fluid was injected and the dose was repeated to-day. The boy seems much improved to-night and hopes for his recovery are entertained.

WHAT THEY WILL DO.

Programme for the Coming Week in Congress.

THE URGENT DEFICIENCY BILL,

With Income Tax Dressing, and the Nicaraguan Discussion Will Form the Menu for the Senate—The House Without a Definite Programme, But the Currency Question Can Be Depended Upon to Furnish Sufficient Debate.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 13.—The prospect is that the time of the senate will be divided during the week between the discussion of the income tax based on the urgent deficiency bill and the continuation of the debate of the Nicaragua bill.

Senator Cockrell, chairman of the committee on appropriations, is very hopeful of being able to dispose of the income tax question by the time the week shall be half gone, and if he should succeed in this, Senator Morgan, who is in charge of the Nicaragua bill, thinks there will be no difficulty in securing a vote on the canal bill before the close of the week, thus leaving the way clear for the bankruptcy and territorial admission and other bills, as well as the other appropriation bills.

Chairman Cockrell does not regard seriously the prospect of the prolonged discussion of the income tax question. There will be several speeches which, while based on the deficiency bill, will be directed to the discussion of general financial questions. There is no disposition on the part of the appropriations committee to curtail these speeches, but there has come to be some talk of night sessions in case they get to be too numerous, or if the disposition to dilatorily should appear to be more pronounced than now appears probable. Senator Gorman will probably find opportunity to-morrow to make the speech which he had intended to make yesterday. So far as known, there are only three more general speeches to be made on the Nicaragua bill, but it is probable that others will yet be announced. Senator Turpie will speak again on the bill, and Senators Vest and White have announced a desire to be heard before the vote shall be taken.

Saturday will be given up to eulogies on the character of the late Senator Vance.

THERE ARE OTHERS.

The Currency Question is Still Attracting Congressional Attention.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 13.—The probabilities are that the beginning of the week will see the introduction of still another currency bill in the senate. Senator Jones, of Arkansas, who at the critical stage of the tariff legislation took that matter in hand harmonized the different elements so as to bring definite results out of a decidedly chaotic condition, is the author of the new bill, and he comes to the front this time as a compromiser and harmonizer. Senator Jones realizes that silver and bonds are two antagonistic elements in this question, and his effort has been to prepare a measure which, while it will not be all that the friends of either cause would naturally demand, will in the end secure the support of the elements. He has been in consultation with many of the leaders of both these contending elements in the senate, and it is understood that his bill, as outlined to them, has received very favorable endorsement from the representatives from all of the conflicting interests.

The bill will first provide for the issuance of 25 per cent bonds to the amount of \$500,000,000 which are to be paid in gold and are to be used both for the purpose of meeting the current expenses of the government and the redemption of United States and treasury notes. The bill will also provide for the issue of bank notes to take the place of the treasury notes in such a way as not to produce a contraction of the currency. Another provision is that the national banks shall be allowed to issue their par value and the tax on national bank circulation is fixed at 4 of one per cent. In the interest of silver the bill provides for its unlimited coinage under the condition that the holder of silver bullion may take it to the mint and have it coined into silver dollars, the government retaining as seigniorage, the difference between the coinage value of the bullion and its market value on the day that the bullion is taken to the mints. The bill also provides for the withdrawal from circulation of all greenbacks, treasury notes and national bank notes not below \$20, and the substitution of silver certificates in denominations of less than \$20, which are to be paid in silver. The bill will contain provisions providing against either undue inflation or contraction.

No Definite Programme in the House.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 13.—There is no definite programme for the house this week. There is a bare possibility that a new currency bill will be thrown into the arena of debate, but it is only a possibility. The consensus of opinion now seems to be that any proposed currency legislation to be successful must be initiated at the other end of the capitol.

To-morrow is District of Columbia day, and on Tuesday the house will probably take up the consideration of the Indian appropriation bill, which was reported yesterday, which is the only appropriation bill on the calendar. If the sundry civil appropriation bill (the most important of the bills) is not reported before the Indian bill is disposed of, the committee on rules probably will give the intervening time to business from various committees. A day may be given to the consideration of the findings of the court of claims.

No Consolidation.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 13.—J. B. Morriam, president of the Morriam & Morgan Oil Company, which was reported to have been consolidated with the Sun, Craig and Crystal oil companies, of Toledo, says there is no truth in the report from Toledo to the effect that his company has been absorbed by the Standard. He also says there probably is no truth in the report so far as it applies to the other companies named.

SAN FRANCISCO CITIZENS

Meet and Pass Resolutions Condemning Public Officials.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 13.—The appointment of Moss Gust, the well-known sporting man as police commissioner of San Francisco; the recent refusal of Acting United States District Attorney Knight to issue a warrant for the arrest of C. P. Huntington for violation of the interstate commerce law and the issuing of a pass to Frank H. Stone, a politician, caused Mayor Suto to issue a call for a mass-meeting of citizens to take action in the matter. The meeting was held last night in the Metropolitan hall, which was crowded by representative citizens. It is estimated that ten thousand people were turned away, being unable to gain admission. The meeting was very business like.

Speeches were made by well known men, and a series of resolutions were adopted appropriate to the occasion. Those resolutions denounce C. P. Huntington as a self-confessed briber; accuse him of taking \$50,000,000 from English stockholders in the Central Pacific, and a solemn protest entered against the passage of the funding bill.

The resolutions also demand that the legal authorities of the United States in this judicial district shall issue a warrant for the arrest of Huntington. Other resolutions denounce ex-Governor Markham as the tool of the Southern Pacific railroad and the appointment of Moss Gust as the police commissioner, is characterized as a burning shame and a disgrace to the respectable people of the community.

COLOR LINE DRAWN.

The Proprietor of the Lindell Hotel Refuses to Entertain the "Black Patti."

St. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 13.—The color line was sharply drawn at the Lindell hotel, when the proprietor refused last night to entertain Sissieretta Jones, better known as the "Black Patti." Rooms for the singer, her husband, who is a mulatto, and her company, all of the members of which are white, had been engaged two weeks ago. On the refusal of the Lindell management to accommodate the Black Patti and her husband, the entire company engaged quarters at the Laclede hotel.

Mr. Jones indignantly declares that he will bring suit against the proprietors of the Lindell hotel for \$5,000 damages.

Sad Poisoning Case.

LOUISVILLE, KY., Jan. 13.—Yesterday at Charlestown, Ind., twelve miles from Jeffersonville, Dr. Charles Bottorff's little son gave his sister, who was sick, a deadly poison while "playing doctor." Shortly afterward the doctor who keeps a drug store, came in and found the girl in convulsions. The boy told his father what he had done, but after replacing the bottle in the prescription case was unable to again find it. The child lingered in intense agony for several hours before death relieved it.

HAWAIIAN ANNEXATION.

A Letter Having that End in View Presented to President Dole.

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 13.—The steamer Miowra arrived early this morning, tea days from Honolulu, having been off Cape Flattery in the fog for three days. Hawaiian advices are as follows:

A letter suggesting that the government at once send a special annexation envoy to Washington was presented to President Dole and the executive council on December 31 by the American League. The petition is a strong one and makes several telling points. It sets forth that since the question of the islands was in Congress before many fresh facts have come to light and many members of the senate and house have changed their minds upon the subject.

In every instance the alteration of view has been from hostility to friendliness for Hawaii. Even the administration now has able and justifiable grounds for treating the matter differently and is now in possession of reliable data. In 1893 it acted under misinformation. The petition further states that the sending of another commission will force the treatment of the issue strictly upon its merits.

THEY "FOOD" HIM.

M. Rounet Expelled from the French Chamber of Deputies.

PARIS, Jan. 13.—In the chamber of deputies yesterday during the debate on the budget provision for the Legion of Honor, M. Rounet, Socialist, said: "I was going to propose to reduce the budget; but after the recent votes I am satisfied that the chamber cannot make upright decisions."

The above remark called forth violent interruptions and an uproar followed, causing the president of the chamber, M. Brisson, to intervene and propose the suspension of M. Rounet.

Thereupon M. Millerand, Socialist, interposed and said the chamber of deputies could not expel M. Rounet, and quoted an article in the Figaro which said that if the chamber of deputies did not vote for the release of M. Gerault-Richards, the members of that body ought to be sent to Mazas prison. This caused an uproar and brought forth from the president the reply that the chamber could not ignore such outrages.

The expulsion of M. Rounet was then voted and he left the chamber.

CHANCELLOR VON HOHENLOHE

Visits the Iron Chancellor at His Home at Friedrichshagen.

BERLIN, Jan. 13.—Chancellor Von Hohenlohe, accompanied by his sons, started for Friedrichshagen at 9 o'clock this morning to visit Prince Bismarck. They arrived at Friedrichshagen at noon, and were received at the railway station by Count Herbert Bismarck and Count Von Rastzell, Prince Bismarck's son-in-law. After an exchange of greetings the party proceeded to the castle, where the chancellor and his son were welcomed by Prince Bismarck. All dined on family in the afternoon and at five o'clock, the guests started on their return. Count Herbert will come to Berlin to-morrow.

Russian New Year.

St. PETERSBURG, Jan. 12.—According to the Russian calendar this is New Year's day. The newspapers, in their annual review, adopt an optimistic tone, dwelling upon the foreboded alliance between Russia, France and Great Britain.

A BIG CONFLAGRATION

Visits Bradford Pennsylvania and Inflicts Much Damage.

FIREMEN INCONVENIENCED BY COLD

Weather—Many of Them Severely Frost Bitten—Several Narrow Escapes But No One Killed—An Overheated Stove the Cause—Other Fires Reported.

BRADFORD, PA., Jan. 13.—At 6:45 this morning fire broke out in the Sheehan house, 99 Mechanic street. The cause of the fire is said to have been caused by an overheated stove. An alarm was sent in and the department responded promptly. When Chief Ropp arrived on the scene he saw that the conflagration was one that would necessitate the force of the entire department. So a general alarm was sent in and the independent companies arrived quickly.

Considerable time was lost in getting water on account of the severe cold weather, which froze some of the drips in the hydrants. The fire spread rapidly to the adjoining wooden building, occupied north by Mrs. Peterson, who lived upstairs and was the owner. The ground floor was used as a barber shop by Stephen Foley. In the rear was the livery stable owned by the Barnsdall brothers. On the south, L. Rothstein, clothing store; S. Fello, barber shop; G. Gardella, fruits; John Fitzgibbons, butcher store, and Egbert & Ryan, the corner store.

The above named tenants were in what is known as the Columbia block, owned by D. F. Rosenberg. Most of those named in the Columbia block saved their goods. Egbert and Ryan will suffer heavy loss by water, which damaged a good portion of the stock not saved. The fire extended from the rear. The store of Nussbaum and Stenberger's grocery, Nos. 3 and 5 Main street, M. R. Rothstein's pawn shop, No. 7 Main, Dean Place's photograph gallery over Rothstein's store, Smith Bros. grocery store, No. 9 Main street. All of these buildings were gutted. In the Columbia block apartments on the second and third floors were occupied by James Bruce and family, superintendent of the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh railroad, and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lauber. They saved but little of their goods. In the Nussbaum block the upper portion was occupied by Dr. Rao and the South Penn Oil Company as offices.

The store of George A. Bodine, opposite to where the fire started, was on fire, as was the residence of P. H. Nussbaum.

The large window in Bodine's store was broken, but prompt action on the part of the firemen saved both places. A wine move, and one which saved, no doubt, hundreds of dollars worth of property, was the action of Sergeant George O. Stone, of Company C, who called out the members and formed a temporary fire police, keeping the crowd back, watching the goods and preventing interference with the firemen in their work. The extent of the conflagration takes in two buildings on Mechanic street, south of 99 Mechanic street, the Columbia block, the Nussbaum block, M. Rothstein, pawn broker store; Smith Bros. grocers.

A number of firemen are suffering with frozen hands and feet. Mrs. Peterson's two daughters and son, who lived over Foley's barber shop had a narrow escape. They saved nothing and were given clothing by the neighbors. Mary Callahan, a guest at the Sheehan house was aroused by the cry of fire and ran to the head of the stairs and lost her footing, she fell down the stairs, and broke her arm and leg. She was removed to a neighboring house.

The fire raged for four hours, and it was with the most heroic work of the fire department that they prevented the fire from spreading. A high wind was blowing at the time and the thermometer registered at zero, making it difficult work for the department. Several of the firemen were taken to places of shelter with frost-bitten ears and fingers and two had to be conveyed in carriages, being unable to walk. A baby was reported missing from the Rothstein building during the excitement, but it was found at a neighbor's house, well and happy.

One hundred firemen were frost bitten. J. F. McQuinton, hands badly burned and afterwards frozen. Robert Sisco and Robert Helm, of the Citizen Hose Company, are so badly frozen that their condition is critical. The total loss aggregates \$95,000; insurance, \$35,000.

Fire at Clearfield.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 13.—Fire last night partially destroyed the house of Patrick Gallagher at 35 Davenport street, in which two families besides the Gallaghers reside. Evidence of incendiaryism, discovered by the firemen, led to the arrest of Gallagher for arson. He and his wife were away from home when the fire broke out.

Residence Burns and Children Suffer.

JEFFERSON, IOWA, Jan. 13.—The house of J. H. Baldridge, near this city, and part of its contents were burned last night. It was very cold at the time and nine children, aged from three to sixteen years, froze their feet and hands. The family is destitute and the children are in a critical condition.

Machine Shop Gutted.

SOUTH MANCHESTER, CONN., Jan. 13.—The machine shop and engine room connected with Cheney Bros' silk mills was gutted by fire early this morning. Treasurer Cheney estimates